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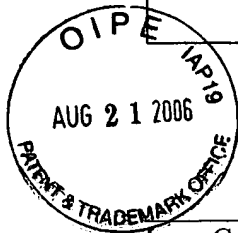
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In re Continuation Patent Application of:  
Takayuki TOSHIMA et al.

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Application No.: 10/606,135

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Art Unit: 1746

For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
FOR RESIST FILM REMOVAL  
(AS AMENDED)

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated February 21, 2006, for which a response was due on May 21, 2006, and for which a three-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from May 21, 2006, to August 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

## **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

### **SPECIFICATION**

There are amendments to the specification.

### **CLAIMS**

There are no amendments to the claims.

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